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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

GIOVANNI ELEAZAR PACO,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:23-CR-214-WBS

STIPULATION AND JOINT REQUEST FOR
PROTECTIVE ORDER; [PROPOSED]
PROTECTIVE ORDER

I. STIPULATION

1. Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel of record, and defendant Giovanni Eleazar Paco, by and through his counsel of record (“Defendant” and “Defense Counsel”), for the reasons set forth below, hereby stipulate, agree, and jointly request that the Court enter a Protective Order in this case restricting the use and dissemination of certain materials that could identify confidential sources, and/or that contain personal identifying information (“PII”) and other confidential information of real persons.

2. This Court may enter protective orders pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Local Rule 141.1, and its general supervisory authority.

3. On August 31, 2023, the Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Defendant with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute fentanyl, para-fluorofentanyl, and methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) (Count One), distribution of para-

1 fluorofentanyl and fentanyl, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (Count Two), distribution of fentanyl,
2 in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (Count Six), and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl (in
3 violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (Count Seven).

4 4. As part of its investigation in the above-captioned case, the government is in the
5 possession of documents and other materials relating to the charges against the Defendant, and seeks to
6 provide those materials to counsel for the Defendant. The government seeks to do so pursuant to its
7 discovery obligations, although some of the materials may exceed the scope of the government's
8 discovery obligations and will be produced to promote a prompt and just resolution of the case.

9 5. The government intends to produce to Defense Counsel: (1) audio recordings, video
10 recordings, photographs, and investigative reports and other documents that could identify law
11 enforcement confidential sources; and (2) materials containing PII and other confidential information of
12 real persons. These real persons are third parties, co-defendants, or witnesses to this case. This
13 discovery will be considered "Protected Material" as described in this stipulation and order, as will any
14 other discovery marked as Protected Material.

15 6. The purpose of this stipulation and order is to establish the procedures that must be
16 followed by Defense Counsel, any designated employees, and any other individual who receives access
17 to any Protected Material in this case and the information therein.

18 7. The Government shall produce the aforementioned Protected Material to Defense
19 Counsel, designating the discovery with the bates prefix, "PACO_PM_." This discovery, and any
20 subsequent material discovered by the Government to Defense Counsel using the bates-prefix, shall be
21 considered Protected Material.

22 8. All Protected Material in this case is now and will forever remain the property of the
23 Government. It is entrusted to Defense Counsel only for purposes of representing his/her Defendant
24 during the pendency of this case.

25 9. Defense Counsel shall not give any Protected Material to any person other than Defense
26 Counsel's staff assisting in preparation of the present case. The term "staff" shall explicitly include only
27 attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants, retained experts, and investigators assisting Defense Counsel in
28 the present matter. The term excludes any other defendant in this matter or any other pending matter

1 against the Defendant; any person involved in any case in which discovery concerning the Defendant is
2 produced; and any other person other than those specifically authorized to see Protected Material under
3 this paragraph.

4 10. Any person receiving access to the Protected Material from Defense Counsel shall be
5 bound by the same obligations as Defense Counsel and, further, may not give any Protected Material to
6 anyone.

7 11. No members of any of the Defendants' family, friends of the Defendants, personal or
8 professional associates of the Defendants, or any other person affiliated with the Defendants shall be
9 given access to any Protected Material or its contents in any manner, for any reason.

10 12. Defense Counsel may make copies of Protected Material and may take written or typed
11 notes summarizing it in connection with preparation of the case. If necessary to the litigation of the
12 instant matter, Defense Counsel may also have audio or video forms of Protected Material transcribed.
13 All notes, copies, duplicates, summaries, transcripts, or other representations of or concerning the
14 information in the Protected Material comprises "Protected Material" itself, must be affixed with the
15 corresponding bates numbers and the "Protected Material" ledger, and is subject to all terms of this
16 stipulation and order.

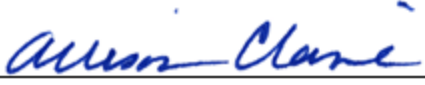
17 13. Defense Counsel shall maintain a list of persons to whom any Protected Material is being
18 or has been given. Such persons shall be provided with a copy of the executed version of this stipulation
19 and order, shall sign their full names to a copy, and shall in writing acknowledge that they understand its
20 terms and are bound by it. If Defense Counsel is replaced for any reason, or if new counsel is appointed
21 in any phase of the matter, the new counsel shall not have access to any Protected Material until and
22 unless they sign a copy of this stipulation and order, under the terms described in this paragraph.

23 14. Defense Counsel may use the Protected Material in the defense of Defendant in the
24 instant case in any manner deemed essential to adequately represent him (i.e., in motions that are filed
25 under seal, if necessary; in ex-parte applications as may be needed; and in reproducing and summarizing
26 Protected Material for use in trial preparation summaries, exhibits and as evidence, as may be needed),
27 consistent with this stipulation and order as it shall be originally prepared and signed.
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1 **[PROPOSED] FINDINGS AND ORDER**

2 The Court having read and considered the Stipulation and Joint Request for a Protective Order,
3 which this Court incorporates by reference into this Order in full, hereby finds that GOOD CAUSE
4 exists to enter the above Order.

5 IT IS SO FOUND AND ORDERED this 7th day of February, 2024.

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7 ALLISON CLAIRE
8 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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